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PICASSO DIES

PAIN. — Pablo Picasso died day of a heart attack at his home in the Southern France. The artist, who was 91, had been suffering from a long illness. Despite his age, the art world shocked by his death.

Two days ago, Picasso made arrangements for 201 paintings to be shown at Avignon. A spokesman for the show said that was a widespread impression of his work was changing and about to start a new period.

He was the man who invented the art world of the 20th century and among the greatest of all time.

His wife, Jacqueline, 47, and their four children were gathered in mourning at his home, a 40-room house, on a hill overlooking the sea. It was estimated that Picasso had at least 14,000 paintings, 34,000 drawings and 300 sculptures and prints.

He also was thought to be the greatest private collector of art paintings by other artists. The value of his estate is thought to reach \$50m.

His wealth, he was known as a bohemian revolutionary who



PICASSO

left his native Spain to oppose Franco's Nationalists during the Spanish Civil War. Leftist circles revered him as creator of the peace dove symbol.

In Spain, radio and television programmes opened yesterday with news of Picasso's death and a brief biography, but there was no official reaction. Picasso had lived in voluntary exile in France since 1937.

(Reuters, AP)

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Vietcong silent on cause of crash of observers' copter

SAIGON (Reuters). — The Vietcong last night confirmed the deaths of three men, including four international observers and two of their own officers, when a helicopter crashed in Communist-controlled territory after apparently being hit by a missile.

But in a Vietcong statement expressing regret at the incident, there was no mention of how the helicopter, on an international ceasefire mission, was brought down near the Laotian border.

Four Vietcong officers and three American crewmen of the helicopter were killed. Just before the crash, the pilot radioed: "I've been hit by a missile and am going down."

The International Vietnam Cease-fire Commission met in emergency session last night following confirmation of the deaths of the observers — a Canadian, an Indonesian and two Hungarians.

The fatalities were the first suffered by the international force of Poland, Hungary, Canada and Indonesia since they began their duties on January 28.

The bodies of the victims and 10 survivors of a second helicopter which was accompanying the one hit by the missile were being transported overland by the Vietcong to an I.C.C.F. base at Gio Linh, where representatives of the four countries waited.

Ships break through to Phnom Penh

PHNOM PENH (Reuters). — Five vessels braved the gauntlet of a Communist ambush on the Mekong River to reach Phnom Penh last night with food and fuel for the beleaguered Cambodian capital.

But another 14 ships were scattered by the ambush earlier in the day and fled back to the South Vietnamese port of Tan Chau, about 180 kms. downstream from here.

Crowds gathered on the riverbanks to watch the five ships sail in line up the Mekong, under an umbrella of American air protection, but vital supplies are still likely to be in short supply in Phnom Penh, whose inhabitants have been urged to conserve food, water and electricity.

DIE ON ROADS

Jerusalem Post Staff persons were killed and 41 injured in a rash of accidents the last two days all over the country.

At Swissa, 51, and his son, 21, from Moshav Elifelet, were killed when a truck driven by the father collided with an Egged bus carrying 15 passengers. The bus and 10 of the passengers were injured. Four of them were killed.

At the Nazareth-Afula road, a truck carrying labourers veered left and collided with a car, near Balfouria. The car was carrying a family of four. The father, 45, and his son, 11, were killed. The mother and daughter were injured.

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Tirza Mualim, 46, from Ramat Gan, was killed in Rehov Jabotinsky yesterday, when she was hit by a truck which skidded on the wet road.

Avraham Lischitz, 65, from Rehovot, was killed yesterday when he was hit by a truck as he stopped to affix windshield wipers to his car on the road from Rehovot to Rishon LeZion. The truck driver, a Gaza resident, was detained.

Noah Yablun, 86, from Rishon LeZion, was killed at the intersection of Herzl and Barak de Hirsch streets in Rishon yesterday, when a pickup truck hit him as he crossed the road. The driver, a 25-year-old man from Nes Ziona, was detained.

A four-year-old boy from el-Arish, Sami Auda, was killed on Saturday near his home, when a parked truck lost its brakes and rolled backward over him. The truck rolled over into a ravine after killing the boy.

Hanit Arusli, 20, from Ramat Gan, was killed on Saturday night in Rehov Jabotinsky in Farah Katz. The car she was driving collided with a parked truck.

Frenchmen slip out of Tel Aviv, spend night on beach in Sinai

Jerusalem Post Staff French newsmen slipped out of Tel Aviv early yesterday and headed for Sinai to another attempt at their "voyage" down the Suez Canal.

There was no official word of the newsmen's escape, but Reuters reported from Tel Aviv that three Frenchmen, Escatfah and Alain Debos, had slipped out of the city last night "on a beach somewhere in Sinai."

It was said that one of the newsmen accompanied the adventure on their ride into Sinai. "Mileposts along the way were aware of who they were, they were waved through by the news agency."

Escatfah and de la Ferriere, who had slipped out of the city last night, told The Post that they knew nothing of the whereabouts of the other two Frenchmen. They said they were in the Sinai coast the previous day.

In Cairo, a government source said yesterday Egypt will not allow three Frenchmen to sail down the

blocked canal. "The journalists are welcome to our country at any time. As to the question of their transiting the Canal, we are not prepared to let them expose themselves to danger as a result of mines in the waterway and also the illegal presence of Israeli forces on the eastern bank," the source said.

Fire put out after plane lands at Lod

LOD AIRPORT. — A Boeing 707 jet plane belonging to a European trading company landed here safely yesterday despite a fire which broke out in one of its engines while landing.

The plane had only three crew members aboard. As it began its landing, a gust of wind lifted the left wing, causing the engine to scrape on the ground. The fuel line broke and the fuel ignited.

The pilot radioed the control tower for help, but flight controllers had already seen the fire breaking out and alerted emergency crews.

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Rehov Hayarkon, also was gone in the morning, Mr. de la Ferriere said that an embassy watchman saw the three journalists put the boat on a small truck and drive away.

But, the diplomat said, he had met with the men on Saturday and tried to dissuade them from their plan. He said that he told them that in the embassy's view "it was dangerous to enter the canal."

Mr. de la Ferriere told The Post last night that he was not worried about the men. "What will happen if I start worrying about all the Frenchmen in Israel?" he asked.

"The three were authorized to stay in Israel. They are free men in a free country."

On Saturday night, Mr. Ribaud, the leader of the group, told The Post that they planned to sail for Cyprus yesterday, and from there attempt to sail down the Canal again. They were flown to Tel Aviv by the Israeli Air Force on Friday, after their dinghy drifted from Port Said to the Sinai coast the previous day.

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Premier changed her mind

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Golda Meir changed her mind over the weekend on the question of Jewish land purchases on the West Bank. From a position of lukewarm support for Justice Minister Ya'acov Shimshon Shapir's compromise proposal — whereby individual Israelis would be allowed to buy land under Government supervision — she veered to firm opposition to any change in the present policy.

The Justice Minister confirmed in a radio interview last night that Mrs. Meir had changed her view. He said she had originally made his proposal because he had reason to believe that she would support it. But in his conversation with the President, she had made it clear to him, Mr. Shapir said, that her previous support, which had not been over-enthusiastic, had evaporated completely and she would oppose the proposal if he raised it at the Cabinet. National Religious Party ministers also said that Mrs. Meir had told them she had changed her mind.

Mr. Shapir refused to speculate on whether pressure from abroad had contributed to the Premier's turnaround. "You'd better ask her," he told the interviewer.

There were indeed some expressions of misgivings from Washington on the land purchase issue transmitted to Jerusalem during last week's visit.

Some observers believe that these did have an effect on the Premier's thinking — and contributed to a reappraisal of the advisability of permitting purchases by non-Government bodies. Prices were still falling on the West Bank, and nationalist feeling was rising with them. World press and media reaction was strongly unfavourable. The British Government — as well as the U.S. — was airing apprehensions.

Mrs. Meir apparently decided that a change in policy was inappropriate at this time. The Government's present policy provided anyway for the Lands Administration to acquire legally available land, which the Government required for settlement and development purposes.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, on the other hand, issued a statement yesterday evening declaring that his opinion was unchanged and that he still believed that private citizens should be allowed to buy land in the occupied areas — under proper Government supervision. Mr. Dayan's spokesman explained that the Defence Minister saw no point in putting up his proposal to a formal vote when the Prime Minister had stated in advance that she was opposed to it.

Some observers noted, however, that by not submitting his proposal to a formal Cabinet ruling the Defence Minister had in fact avoided a clearly-stated decision, which could have almost precluded raising the issue again. With no formal decision having been taken, the Defence Minister can now envisage reviving the issue — when the constellation of circumstances appears more favourable. Indeed, sources close to him did not rule out this possibility.

Mr. Dayan's associates also pointed out that time and economies have forced the Government to land experts who doubted that the Cabinet's conclusion of yesterday would put an end to land purchases by Jews — despite the legal invalidity of such transactions.

Sources close to Mr. Dayan did not anticipate that Government policy would tighten up against Jews who transgressed the military government's regulations and transacted land purchases with West Bank Arabs, whether by irrevocable powers of attorney or other round about means.

The Justice Minister, too, left the impression that he was not contemplating, for the present, enforcing the full rigour of the regulations. He said he thought the figure of 100,000 dunams reportedly purchased by Jews on the West Bank was wildly exaggerated. As far as he knew no hard deals had been made; there had merely been "some talking and negotiating — initiatives rather than concluded transactions." He said he would be receiving more detailed information in a few days.

Cabinet keeps ban on buying land in areas

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday decided to maintain the prohibition against Israelis or foreigners privately buying land in the administered areas.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, Justice Minister Y.S. Shapir, and Religious Affairs Minister Dr. Ze'rah Warhaftig, who had tabled three different proposals about permitting such land sales in the areas, decided at the last minute not to call for a vote on their proposals at the weekly Cabinet session.

The two Alignment Ministers, and the N.R.P.'s Dr. Warhaftig, felt it was wiser not to chance a Cabinet defeat for their proposals when they discovered to their surprise that Premier Golda Meir would not back the proposals in any form — after having believed the contrary.

The Cabinet decided not to change the policy regarding land sales maintained since the Six Day War, the communiqué said, in accordance with the various Orders gazetted by the Government, and the instructions issued by the Justice Minister accordingly.

The communiqué said the reason for maintaining this six-year-old prohibition, was that "proposals for changing existing practice about land transfers, were not put to a Cabinet vote."

Ministers Dayan, Shapir and Warhaftig had first brought up their proposals at a Cabinet discussion two weeks ago.

At the time, Cabinet sources deliberately concealed the fact of this discussion from the press — a not uncommon occurrence. When jour-

nalists questioned this secrecy after noon yesterday, they got an evasive reply.

The three proposals about land sales were due to be voted on yesterday morning at the weekly Cabinet session. However, Premier Meir saw Mr. Shapir and Mr. Dayan separately, before the session opened, to advise them that she could no longer back the idea of land sales in any form.

When the session opened, she surprised the expectant Cabinet with the news that Messrs. Dayan and Shapir had both decided not to ask a vote on their proposals.

Some discussion took place about the transactions already negotiated or brokered between would-be purchasers and Arab landowners in the areas. The problem of speculative deals was stressed by two or three Ministers.

Points made by the many Ministers who took part in the discussion covered the negative comment made in Western capitals about the plan for sales of Arab land, the campaign by Arab diplomats against the plan at U.N. Headquarters and in a large number of capitals, and the ferment in the administered areas themselves.

Justice Minister Michael Hazani said that the matter might have been resolved differently in the Cabinet were it not for the extensive publicity stirred up here and abroad by those who campaigned on behalf of land sales.

Of the three Ministers' proposals, Dr. Warhaftig's was apparently the most far-reaching. It would have placed no limits whatsoever on land sales to Israelis. Mr. Dayan's envisaged controls on land sales to obviate speculation. Mr. Shapir's proposal — the compromise which Messrs. Warhaftig and Dayan would both have settled for in order to get a Cabinet majority — envisaged what one Minister called "controlled sales of land." The supervision would have been exercised by a Cabinet committee, according to political as well as economic criteria.

Cabinet sources gave newsmen (Continued on page 2, col. 2)

THIRD PROPOSAL

The Minister with the third proposal, Dr. Warhaftig, then announced that he wished to consult with his N.R.P. colleague, Welfare Minister Michael Hazani. The Cabinet interrupted its session for about five minutes, after which Dr. Warhaftig announced that he, too, would not put his proposal to a vote.

According to Cabinet sources, Mrs. Meir told Messrs. Dayan and Shapir "she would not support any change in the existing policy about land sales." But she did not phrase this statement "as an ultimatum containing a threat to resign if they insisted on a vote."

The entire issue kept the Cabinet occupied for over an hour and a half.

One Minister sought details of how much land the Israel Lands Administration had purchased in the areas since 1967. Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati (who has parliamentary responsibility for the Land Administration) gave the information.

more. It is alleged that this extra land is still registered in the name of Arab agents against "irrevocable" bills of sale.

The Israel Lands Administration says that it has bought 30,000 dunams in the West Bank and some 18,000 dunams in East Jerusalem, but Arab circles claim that the Administration has obtained more land dealing in the property of absentee landlords.

The confusion applies particularly to Israeli settlements and individuals. Although their activity is officially said to be limited to "negotiations and initiatives," it is believed to have resulted in certain deals. In the case of individuals, observers cited the purchase by six Israelis of the Dead Sea Lido resort from an East Jerusalemite Arab.

The spokesman of the Israel Land Authority, Mr. Yosef Ouziel, stressed to The Jerusalem Post that no deals were being made "under the table." He charged that the issue of the land in the administered territories had been "incredibly exaggerated." Mr. Ouziel cited the case of Nebi Samwil, north-west of Jerusalem, and stress that in contrast to press reports no purchase of land had in fact been carried out there.

The Israel authorities are apparently confining their control to former Jordan State property, which exceeded one-sixth of the West Bank and to what the Egyptians held in the Gaza Strip, a third of the territory.

Of the West Bank's total size of six million dunams, Israel controls 730,214 dunams of State land comprising cultivated and built-up areas and 300,000 dunams of desert land stretching along the Judea hills. This is in addition to 288,780 dunams and 475 for the university on lands of abandoned land and 10,402 Mr. Scoops.

TENSION SAID LESS IN THE TERRITORIES

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The Government's decision on land purchases appears to have defused tension in the administered territories, where the issue stirred up a storm of controversy and at the same time pushed prices to incredible heights.

Several West Bank mayors, including Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari of Hebron, Hajj Ma'asous al-Masri of Nablus, Elias Frej of Behelehem and Elimi Hammad of Tulkarm, praised the government's decision as a wise step which "reinstated peace chances."

West Bank circles said yesterday that the Government's decision might interrupt the "active land trade" reportedly going on between Israeli and Arab individuals in the Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Ramallah areas and along the green line. These circles claimed that some lands had in fact been sold to Israelis who by-passed the existing rules by obtaining the lands through Arab agents who then signed "irrevocable" bills of sale in favour of the real purchasers.

The informants were unable however to pinpoint any cases.

Arab land agents were said to be dealing mainly in areas closed by the military authorities or land belonging to absentees. The agents were said to be making contact with absentees living in neighbouring countries or abroad for the sale of their land at high prices. In some cases foreign currency was offered, the sources stated.

Reports are contradictory on the purchase of Arab land by official institutions. The Jewish National Fund said that it had bought about 10,000 dunams in the administered territories, whereas official sources say that the J.N.F. has in fact obtained several thousand dunams

abandoned buildings belonging to absentees.

In the Gaza Strip, Israel controls 119,244 dunams of State property, including 45,370 dunams of cultivated and built up area, 22,368 dunams of roads and 51,526 dunams of beach area.

In both territories certain areas, comprising several thousand dunams, were declared closed for military reasons, and only a few landowners are reported to have accepted compensation offered for the use of their land. In the Gaza Strip, some 10,000 dunams of land are reported to have been expropriated mainly for the benefit of five settlements, including Moshav Darom, Dila, Nahlat Sinai, Nahal Yam and Nizkanim. The latter is said to have 4,500 dunams, of which 2,900 was State property and the rest confiscated land. A few Gazans are said to have accepted compensation of about half a million pounds for some 300 dunams.

Land statistics on the administered territories do not include those for East Jerusalem, where a number of residents have either sold small plots to Israelis or exchanged plots, especially near Government House. These land transactions were made after August 1970, when the Government confiscated 12,000 dunams in the Naveh Ya'acov and Government House areas. The last stages of the confiscation involved 5,000 dunams expropriated in January 1968 on the city's northern outskirts and 800 dunams in Sanhedria in May 1968. The expropriations were for public purposes, and provided for industrial zones of 1,200 dunams in Kalandia, 1,700 in Shu'afat and 475 for the university on lands of abandoned land and 10,402 Mr. Scoops.

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Egypt selling Libya Soviet-made missiles

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
Egypt is supplying Libya with aircraft missiles and other let-made equipment aimed at terroring Libya's air defence systems, it is learned.
According to a related report in "Washington Post" on Saturday, Egyptian aircraft has started flying the arms to Libya. The report stated that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat agreed to supply weapons after a meeting with the Soviet Colonel Muammer Gaddafi week.
It is believed Sadat persuaded Gaddafi that he needed an air force system on the grounds that it was planning to attack Israel. Gaddafi's support of the terrorist movements, Egypt also has been sending planes to Libya. They are training on the 50 Mirage V interceptors bought by Gaddafi from France after they were

Three top officers retiring

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
At least three senior officers will leave the army in the coming days. One of them, who has commanded a force in the Israel Defense Forces, and has made outstanding achievements in his field, leave before Independence Day (7). He will be replaced by his deputy.
One of the other two who are to leave the service is expected to go into politics as an opposition party member.
Changes are part of a shake-up among senior officers, the second since the Chief of Staff, Rav-David Elazar took over 15 months ago, and is in line with the policy of rotation in the Israel Defense Forces. In October and November last year, over a dozen senior officers retired from the service.
Officers changes are made in coordination with Chief of Operations Aluf Yisrael Tal, and O.C. Lower Division Aluf Herzl Shalom.

EBAN ANALYSES EGYPT CABINET RESHUFFLE

Jerusalem Post Reporter
At yesterday's weekly Cabinet session, Foreign Minister Abba Eban analyzed the significance of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's speech last week and the importance of Egypt's Cabinet reshuffle on the country's domestic and foreign policies.
Mr. Eban gave some details about the recent conversations between Egyptian, Libyan and Algerian leaders, and their connection with the Egyptian "political offensive."

On board the Aphrodite - Nudists follow the sun to Israel
By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
AIPA. - "When we started to cruise a week ago, a few of us weren't. But now we all are nudists and enjoy it," a woman in her forties told the Jerusalem Post on board the S. Aphrodite in the port yesterday morning.
She was one of over 200 nudists, from Germany and France, who arrived here for a two-day stay, as part of a fortnight-long Mediterranean Sun Tan Cruise.
Although they had not had very much sun so far, "you see we got enough to tan, over and without stripes. We fit very well," the nudists told Israel, which invites tourists to "follow the sun to Israel," and not disappoint them. As the ship sailed into the port, the nudists gave way to sunshine.
The Aphrodite was tied up at a breakwater far away from cargo quays, to enable the nudists to catch the sun without disturbing the port's regular work. But on arrival most of them set off - fully dressed to visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and other places - to see rather than be seen," they smiled.
They had been scheduled to leave Beirut on Saturday for a day, but their tour leader cancelled the visit, anxious for their safety following the blowing up of the S.S. Soudan in Beirut last month, and their plane came here straight from

No new buildings without gardens in Ramat Gan

RAMAT GAN. - The Ramat Gan Municipality announced yesterday that it will not approve any building plans which do not include provision for a garden.
Mayor Yisrael Peled has also asked the City Engineer's Department to try to ensure that buildings already under construction also have gardens.
A Tel Aviv report says that the Council for a Beautiful Israel, which wants more greenery surrounding houses all over the country, will open a three-day mart for the sale of window flower-boxes in front of the Habimah Theatre today. The boxes, with plants, will be sold for IL20 each, as part of a project undertaken by the Council to mark Israel's 25th anniversary.
Similar marts will be held in major cities throughout the country. (Itm)

35 days for refusal to serve in areas

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A 25-year-old reservist, Yosef Chen, who refused to serve in the administered territories, was sentenced to 35 days' imprisonment by a military court last week.
It is understood Chen will be allowed to serve his reserve duty inside the "green line" after completing his term.
Standing orders specify that a soldier who refuses to serve where ordered is liable to a prison term. Chen has appealed against the sentence in a telegram to the O.C. Manpower, Aluf Herzl Shalom, stating that he is not opposed to serving in the army, but cannot, for reasons of conscience, serve in the "occupied territories."

Shemtov to fix medicine prices

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Baking the special Passover matza shemura (guarded matza) for the ultra-orthodox. The matza is made from "guarded flour" which is closely supervised from the time the wheat is harvested. (Starphoto)

New 12% wage claim High school teachers asked to empower strike

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - The Secondary School Teachers Association executive will ask the Association's annual convention, which opens today, to empower it to call a strike to back wage claims.
The Association is demanding pay rises above those secured in December. They are seeking to equate the high school teachers' salaries with those recently won by the engineers.
The teachers were awarded a 16.8 per cent pay increase in a tentative agreement last December, when Minister of Finance Pinhas Sapir conceded that their wages had been regressing in comparison to the engineers' pay scale, to which they are linked. At the time, it was agreed as the point of reference that a teacher with a masters degree should receive pay equal to that of an engineer employed at grade three. The teachers say that since a grade three engineer now gets higher pay than he did last December, the teachers' pay should also be raised accordingly. The teachers in effect are asking for another 12 per cent in addition to the 16.8 per cent rise which they had already been promised. Thus in all, they are demanding a 29 per cent increase.
Teachers Association chairman Reuven Aviram told the press here yesterday that the 1973-75 works agreement has not been signed yet and it will not be signed until the wage dispute is resolved. A meeting with Mr. Sapir on the issue is scheduled "for the next few days," he said.
The Association and the rival El-

MDs meet on pay demands

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - The national council of the Israel Medical Association is meeting in emergency session this evening following refusal to meet the doctors' pay demands.
The IMA announced yesterday that the authorities (the Government, Kupaat Holim, the municipalities, and private bodies) had offered a flat increase of 20 per cent gross in salaries. This fell far short of the doctors' demands (which have not yet been made public). The employers also rejected all demands for better conditions of work.

Judge says deprived youth not being helped

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn has charged the government with failing Israel's deprived youth despite its talk about bridging the country's social gap. Speaking at the ZOA's monthly dinner club for political and social affairs last week, Justice Cohn declared that the government was placing rehabilitation of youthful offenders and the fight against crime in general on the bottom rung of its priorities.
He cited the government's failure to undertake an enlightened programme to put convicted prisoners with light sentences to work, which had been recommended by judicial, police and social service authorities, and required a budget of less than IL1m. While there was as yet no more practical method of punishment than imprisonment, unattractive as this is, this was aggravated further by the overcrowding in Israel's prisons. This would be alleviated to the benefit of all when, and if, substantial numbers of what Justice Cohn termed "political prisoners," referring to terrorist detainees, were released in large numbers.
He insisted however that even under present conditions, a little more manpower and money and a lot of thought could do much to help young offenders who came mainly from the deprived segment of Israel's population.
Going on to another subject, Justice Cohn said that the country had almost eliminated all vestiges of Turkish law, and that he did not believe that a written constitution would necessarily guarantee the rights of the individual in Israel more than the present judicial set-up. He revealed that several radical reforms have been suggested to streamline Israel court procedures. One of these, which he advocated, would eliminate the appearance and withdrawal of civil cases. The Supreme Court Justice struck out vigorously at those who advocated a return to capital punishment. In no country, he pointed out, has the end of the death sentence brought with it an increase in the incidence of murder. He said that he does not believe that severe punishment, designed as retribution, helps society. The courts should encourage the accused and show mercy in sentencing.
While some segments of Israel society may not remember that Jews are considered "children of mercy," Justice Cohn said that he was proud of the fact that Israel judges can genuinely be characterized as such. He noted that many judges also relied to a considerable extent on traditional Jewish law even though the Israel civil and criminal courts were based on a secular code.

Culture pact with Ghana ratified

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Cabinet yesterday ratified a cultural agreement with Ghana. The agreement was signed in Accra on March 1 by the Ghanaian Foreign Minister and Israel's Ambassador, Mr. Avraham Cohen.
Cabinet sources voiced their satisfaction yesterday that Ghana had concluded this agreement at a time when relations with Africa were not at their zenith.
Ghanaian newspapers gave the agreement a good deal of publicity when it was signed last month.

Windows broken at Monastery of the Cross

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Greek Orthodox Patriarch Benedictus has complained to Mayor Teddy Kollek that windows in the Monastery of the Cross were broken last week following a debate in the Knesset over the wall now being put up around the monastery by the church.
The Patriarch said the windows had been broken by "13 scouts and others." (The scout movement owns a building nearby.) The Patriarch noted that the monastery is to be used as a theological school and asked Mr. Kollek that a license for the wall be issued. The Local Planning Committee has approved construction of the wall, but the District Planning Commission has not yet issued a permit. Work on the wall was halted after the Municipality pointed out the lack of a permit to the church.

Youth sentenced for playing at soldier

NAZARETH. - A 17-year-old Jerusalem youth was given a six-month suspended sentence here yesterday and placed under probation for two years for impersonating a soldier and carrying a weapon without a permit. His name was withheld from publication.
The youth visited a friend at an agricultural school in Afula last August wearing a paratrooper's uniform. A night watchman there asked the "soldier" to relieve him briefly and the young man disappeared with the guard's Uzi sub-machinegun.
A month later the youth returned and asked his friend to return the weapon to the guard. He was arrested shortly afterwards.
Sentence was handed down by the Nazareth District Court. (Itm)

Rain washes out tennis opener

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Heavy rains yesterday morning washed out the opening day's play of the annual Passover Junior Tennis Championships at the Maccabi Tzafron Club here. The tournament has a country-wide entry of 200 boys and girls, aged eight to 18.
The downpour - the first heavy rain in the Tel Aviv area for some weeks - began at about 7 a.m., just when the nine-day meet was scheduled to get under way. It left the club's 10 day courts waterlogged. With showers following in the afternoon, there is little hope of play starting until tomorrow.

Bail for film-maker on hashish charge

TEL AVIV. - A local film director was released on IL2,500 bail by the Magistrate's Court here yesterday after being arrested on suspicion of being in possession of dangerous drugs. (Itm)

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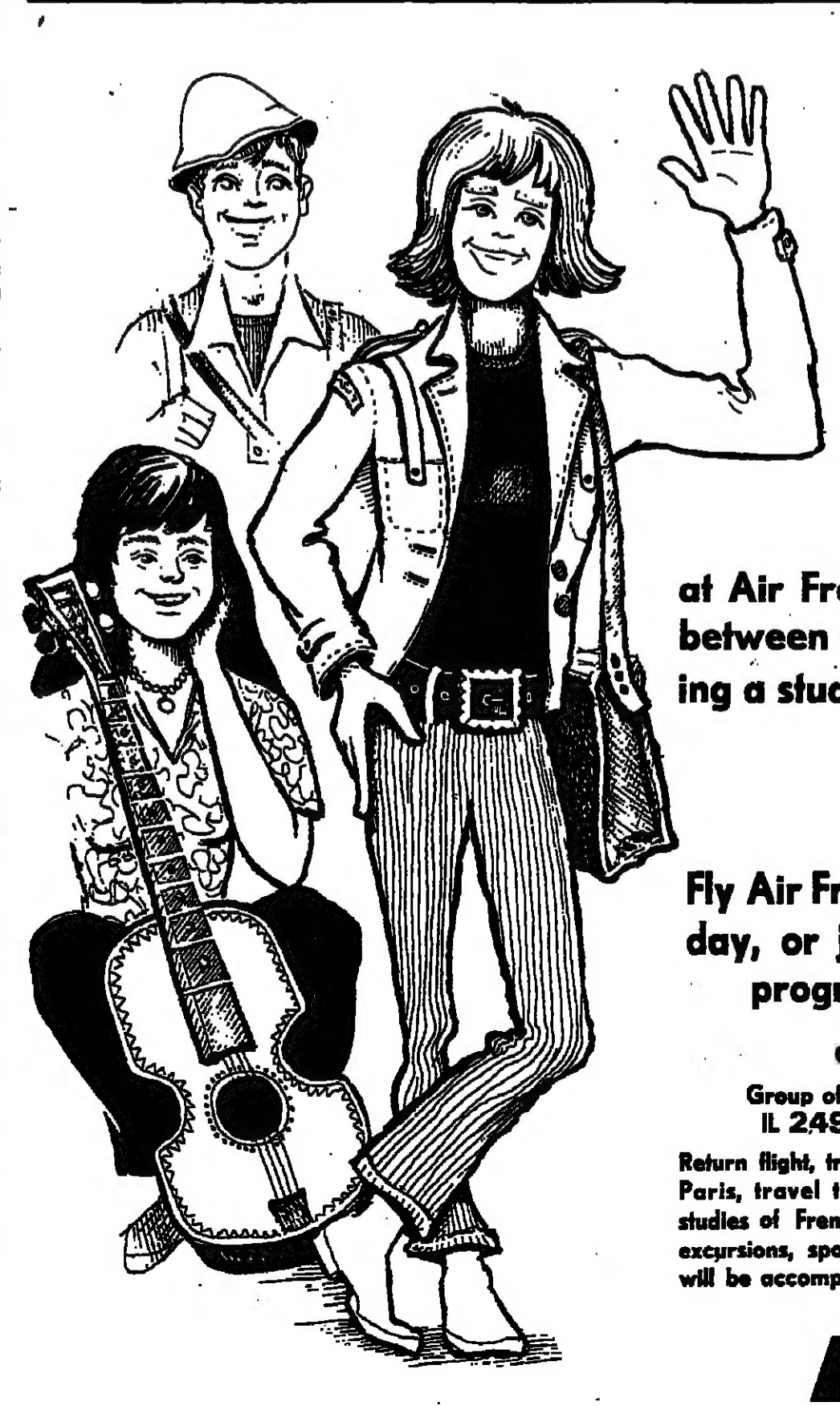
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AIR FRANCE

India takes over administration, police powers in troubled Sikkim

GANGTOK, Sikkim (Reuters). — The Indian Government yesterday took over the administration of the troubled Himalayan monarchy of Sikkim, which has been rocked by agitation for political reform for the past week.

An announcement from India

House, the office of the resident political officer in this Indian protectorate, said the move had been made at the request of the Chogyal (ruler), who has been confined to his palace throughout the protests. The takeover came as thousands of anti-government demonstrators

were camped on the polo ground in this capital 1,700 metres up in the Himalayas. K.S. Bajpai, the political officer, is to run the administration under the Chogyal, who will continue to be head of state. A special officer will arrive later from New Delhi to replace Mr. Bajpai.

Mr. Bajpai told newsmen it had been hoped to avoid a breakdown of the administration. "We regret that it did not prove possible," he said.

He said 56-year-old Chogyal Palden Thondup Namgyal had also asked India to take over responsibility for law and order in his kingdom, which borders Chinese-ruled Tibet.

CALL FOR ABDICATION

Earlier yesterday, the leader of the campaign for political reforms in Sikkim said the time had passed for negotiations with representatives of the ruler. Kazi Lhendup Dorji, president of the Joint Action Committee, told newsmen in Gangtok that his supporters are "virtually calling for abdication of the Chogyal."

Apart from the demonstrators, life appeared as normal and tranquil as ever in Gangtok. The Indian Army was not much in evidence, although reports said it had been welcomed with cheers all over the kingdom. Driving the 64 kms. from the West Bengal town of Kalimpong, there were few signs of political unrest. But all indications were that the administration had collapsed. Border checkpoints were manned by supporters of the Joint Action Committee, consisting of two opposition groups which have been spearheading the popular movement for reform and against the rule of the Chogyal. No officials were seen on the route to Gangtok.

PALACE SURROUNDED

A demonstration estimated to number between 10,000 and 15,000 converged on the palace of the Chogyal on Saturday, with the declared objective of surrounding it to prevent its occupants from leaving and others from entering the palace. One of the occupants of the palace is the Chogyal's American-born wife of 10 years, Hope Cooke, a former New York debutante. The disturbances in Sikkim have ethnic overtones. The native Sikkimese are a small minority, while the majority communities are descendants of the immigrants from neighbouring Nepal and India.

The Chogyal is of Tibetan ancestry, and a sizeable proportion of the Sikkimese constabulary and the Palace Guards are drawn from Tibetan recruits. The Chogyal, who has been in the wake of Peking's entry into their roof-of-the-world plateau. At the request of the Chogyal, the Indian army moved into Gangtok Thursday night, took control of several police stations and began patrolling the streets.

Thieu says military aid not needed

WASHINGTON (AP). — South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu said that he sees no need for renewed American military assistance "at the moment," even if the war steps up across the border in Cambodia.

Speaking in a U.S. television interview programme, President Thieu said, "I think we are capable of defending ourselves." But, he said, South Vietnam is "very concerned" about the situation in Cambodia, because "the North Vietnamese and the N.L.F. troops should be withdrawn unconditionally according to the Paris accords. But... they continue to launch attacks."

The interview was recorded and broadcast yesterday after President Thieu left for Europe. His first stop was Rome, where he will talk with President Giovanni Leone and meet Pope Paul at the Vatican.

Some 200 policemen clamped tight security measures on Rome's Ciampino Military Airport after three days of protest by leftwingers against the visit.

COOL RECEPTION

In what appeared a cool reception, the Italian government sent Foreign Minister under-secretary Alberto Bemporad and a senior protocol officer to greet President Thieu. But he got a rousing welcome from about 100 South Vietnamese students and Catholic priests waving welcoming banners and yellow and white Vietnamese flags.

He will arrive in London on Tuesday for talks with Prime Minister Edward Heath. Strict security precautions were ordered at Heathrow Airport for the president's visit, which is expected to last only a few hours.

Meanwhile, Kuan Thuy, the man who headed North Vietnam's peace delegation at the Paris talks, arrived in Moscow yesterday at the invitation of the Soviet Communist Party, Tass said.

Sirhan's brother makes bail, freed from jail

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Shaikh B. Sirhan, older brother of convicted assassin Sirhan Sirhan, was released on bail from county jail on Saturday, where he had been awaiting trial on charges of mailing a threatening letter to Mrs. Golda Meir.

Sirhan, whose attorney was a bail reduction Friday from \$25,000 to \$5,000, is accused of sending a letter to Secretary of State William Rogers in which he allegedly threatened the life of the Israeli Prime Minister. His brother is serving a life sentence in prison for fatally shooting U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in 1968.

TOMBALBAYE'S FOES STILL MAINTAIN TRIPOLI BASE

Less Libyan aid to rebels in Chad

FORT LAMY, Chad (AP). — Libya has cut off arms supplies to Moslem rebels against the rule of President Francois Tombalbaye, apparently paying off a political debt incurred when Chad broke relations with Israel last year.

Informed observers here said that rebel activity in the predominantly Moslem north of the country, adjacent to the Libyan border, has fallen off sharply after the Libyans curtailed arms smuggling and closed rebel training camps in southern Libya.

But observers here think that Libya leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi is still offering political support to the Chad rebels, led by Dr. Abbas Siddick. Siddick still maintains a base of operations in Tripoli, and says he will continue the struggle against the Tombalbaye regime.

\$92M. IN AID
In addition to the apparent cessation of Libyan aid to the Moslem rebels, other advantages accrued to Mr. Tombalbaye after the expulsion of the Israelis in November, 1972. Relations with Libya, broken off by

Chad in 1971 because Tripoli had backed the rebels, were restored the day after the Israelis left. And Chad was promised money, in large amounts, from Libya and Saudi Arabia.

The Libyan promises of loans amounted to \$92m., almost twice the Chad annual budget of \$57m. But some observers in Fort Lamy now say that the Libyans may never come through. "They are putting so many strings on any loan that it is doubtful Chad could ever meet all the conditions," one observer here said.

Attempt to bomb offices of pro-terrorist paper

BEIRUT (UPI). — The newspaper "Al-Moharrer" whose offices were the target of a bomb attack late Saturday night, said yesterday it will maintain its policy of supporting the Palestinian terrorist movement.

The explosion, around 11.15 p.m., came after a bomb was thrown from a speeding car. Windows and desks were smashed, but no one was injured.

The newspaper, which backs the terrorists and the Egyptians, was published yesterday as usual. In a Page One story, it said: "This aggression, which is not the first of its kind, will not affect our determination to remain in the vanguard of the Arab liberation movement, particularly the Palestinian guerrilla movement. These repeated criminal attempts will not make 'Al-Moharrer' stop supporting and backing the Palestinians, because this is one of our principal objectives," it said.

Following the explosion, Patah-P.L.O. leader Yasser Arafat sent an envoy to declare the terrorists' backing of the newspaper as a revolutionary information medium," the paper said.

The explosives apparently were aimed at the office of Shaikh al-Hout, director of the Beirut bureau of the Palestine Liberation Organization, who is also on the newspaper's editorial board. Hout was not in his office at the time.

The incident was the last in a series of attacks against newspaper offices in Beirut during the past several months. In March, the offices of the independent "al-Hawadeth" magazine were blasted by a series of time-bomb explosions. Prime Minister Saeb Salam later issued a statement condemning the attack. "The freedom of speech in

Lebanon cannot be muzzled by fire and steel, and will continue under all circumstances," he said.

The Prime Minister also telephoned the newspaper's publisher, Walid Abou Dahir, pledging that the government will do its best to catch the culprits.



Paris police yesterday released this portrait photo of Prof. Rassel Raouf al-Kubaisi, shot to death last Thursday night by two unidentified gunmen on a street in the Madeleine district of Paris. (AP radiophoto)

PRESIDENT. — The Bangladesh parliament yesterday re-elected President Abu Sayeed Chowdhury to a five-year term as head of state. He was unopposed.

32 bomb explosions shake 3 Cyprus towns

NICOSIA (Reuters). — A chain of 32 bomb blasts rocked three Cypriot towns during the night in an apparent intensification of the struggle between supporters of President Makarios and those of former underground EOKA leader George Grivas.

The explosions, which shook Paphos, Limassol and Larnaca, were the latest in a series of violent incidents between pro-Makarios Cypriots who wish Cyprus to continue as an independent state and the supporters of General Grivas campaigning for Enosis — union with Greece.

But it was not clear last night who caused the blasts. Police listed 25 explosions in Paphos, five in Limassol and two in Larnaca — all

on the south coast of the island — but refused to give details where the bombs exploded.

The authorities apparently did not wish to name the occupants of each house because they did not want to attribute a political loyalty to the owner or tenant which might not be correct, observers said.

After the five explosions in Limassol, near the British Air Force and Army bases at Akrotiri and Episkopi, a gang machine-gunned the residence of the divisional police commander, shattering the windows. The commander's wife, who was alone in the house at the time, was unhurt.

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The most influential and controversial artist of the century

PICASSO

1881-1973

IS (Reuters). — Pablo Picasso, died in southern France yesterday at the age of 91, was the most influential and controversial artist of the 20th century.

His life was one of immense creativity and originality. His work was a painter and sculptor of genius — and a millionaire. He was the Communist Party's "Dove of Peace" because of the "Dove of Peace" became the symbol of the left.

He spent virtually the whole of his life in France, after his native Spain at the time of the Spanish Civil War. And it was in southern France that he had his studio, where he lived, especially in the last years of his life.

He was born on October 25, at Malaga, Spain, son of Jose Blasco, an art teacher. His mother's maiden name was Picasso.

At the age of 20, he dropped his father's name and used his mother's. At 14 he was admitted to the local art school, completing in 1907 the entrance test for which no other student was allowed.

He first went to Paris in 1900 and there a few years later. His studio became a meeting place for painters and artists. He destroyed the wooden building in May, 1970.

His first years in Paris were of his "blue period," when he was the pioneer and creator of a new style.

American writer Gertrude Stein began to buy his pictures, and she painted a portrait of him. Through her he met the French painter Henri Matisse (1869-1954).

1905, when his fortunes were rising, Picasso's mood changed. He began his brief "rose period," a world of harlequins, acrobats and strolling players.

CUBIST STEP
1907 came a major turning point when he painted "Les Femmes d'Alger." This was his first step towards Cubism, and he was the pioneer and creator of a new style.

1916, Picasso returned to Spain with classical portraits. He went to Rome in 1917 to paint costumes and curtains for the ballet, "Parade," staged by Diaghilev with the Ballets Russes. But the ballet was hissed in an off-shoot was that Picasso was a close friend of Diaghilev's.

World War I, Picasso had no Roman phase, painting a series of female figures. He then became famous — and which any ordinary person would be the most distinctive examples of Picasso's style. These women's features rearranged in a hat flouted anatomy.

1936, Picasso was appointed by the Prado Collection in Madrid by the Spanish Republican government and organized the collection of its treasures during the Spanish Civil War.

He went into exile in southern France to escape the Franco's Nationalists during the Spanish Civil War of 1936-39. He never returned until the end of the war. He often became emotional about the war and once — at the Cannes Film Festival — he sang the songs of his childhood.

UEENICA POSTCARD
During the German occupation of the early '40s, a German to whom he gave a postcard of his 1937 anti-war work, "Guernica," asked Picasso, "Did you do this?" He replied the master. "You World War II, Picasso his major political move by his allegiance to the Communist Party. He produced anti-war pictures like "Korean Massacre" and two great panels "War and Peace." He also designed the symbol — the famous "Dove of Peace" — for the Communist World Peace Congress in Paris 1949.

Soviet dictator Josef Stalin approved of Picasso's revolution in art. And a Picasso sketch in the time of the dictatorship in 1953 brought protests in Moscow.

His retort was: "Why should communists try to talk to me improving my art? I do not teach them economics." He was a broad forehead, nose and sardonic mouth, a pipe in his mouth, a healthy life by the sea, the open air. His vitality was in his brush and despite his immense amount of work, he maintained: "There is

never a moment when you can say, 'I've done a good day's work and tomorrow is Sunday.'"

He sometimes painted up to seven canvases a day, testifying to his insatiable appetite as an artist. Painting, he said, "brings some sort of release — that is the essential thing."

His varied output was enormous. After World War II, for instance, he wrote several plays. Two ran into censorship difficulties, partly because they demanded nudity on the stage.

EROTIC SHOW
He also presented 347 erotic engravings at a London exhibition in March 1970. British newspapers called it "Picasso's peepshow." (Some of Picasso's erotic works from this series are currently part of an exhibit at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.)

His major paintings in the latter years have been sold for up to \$200,000 per canvas. Then there are his engravings, drawings, sculptures and pottery — the products of his explosive energy and originality.

Beautiful women played an important part in his emotional life and artistic endeavour. First there was Olga Kolkova, a Russian dancer whom he married in 1917, the mother of his son Paulo.

Others were Fernande Olivier, Dora Maar and Francoise Gilot, who bore him two sons. In 1961, when he was 79, he took a bride — his model Jacqueline Roque, 44 years his junior.

In 1965 he tried unsuccessfully to get the French court to ban Mlle. Gilot's book "My Life with Picasso" as a violation of his privacy and an attack on his honour.

At his Southern French retreat, Picasso lived simply. He ate little, drank hardly anything at all and usually dressed in shorts and sandals.

At 85, France paid him an unprecedented tribute. An exhibition of 800 of his works was mounted in the renovated Grand Palais galleries, then being inaugurated as a cultural complex for the nation.

Picasso was also given a singular honour to mark his 90th birthday. In 1971, when eight of his major works were exhibited in the Grand Gallery of the Louvre Museum in Paris. It was the first time a living artist had his paintings hung in the gallery.

A new exhibition of Picasso's latest paintings, many of them reportedly of children, is to be held at the Palace of the Popes in Avignon next month.

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Guerrilla missile downs second Portugal plane
LISBON (Reuters). — A second Portuguese military plane has been shot down by a ground-to-air missile while on an anti-guerrilla mission in Portuguese Guinea, Lusitania news agency reported Saturday night.

The agency, quoting high command sources in Bissau, said the Harvard T-6 was one of several searching for a single-engine Dornier 27 light plane which had crashed from unknown causes on Friday. The Harvard blew up when hit by the missile, and the pilot was killed. It was not established whether the missile was fired from the neighbouring Republic of Guinea — as happened in the destruction of a plane by a ground-to-air missile nine days previously.

According to Lusitania, the Dornier crashed shortly after a take-off on a medical relief mission carrying civilian patients to the hospital at Bissau. The pilot and an unspecified number of people aboard were all killed.

The first shooting down of a plane by a missile in the 10-year guerrilla war occurred on March 28 when Lt-Col. Sodol Almeida Brito, the Air Force operational commander in Portuguese Guinea, was killed.

The incident caused concern among Portuguese military authorities, because it was the first confirmation that the African Party for the Independence of Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde Islands (PAIG) guerrillas had access to this type of sophisticated anti-aircraft weaponry.

Police use dogs to stop march in Portugal city
LISBON (Reuters). — At least 20 persons were injured yesterday when police clashed with anti-government demonstrators in the central Portuguese city of Aveiro.

The clash between 1,000 demonstrators and police came on the final day of the third Portuguese Opposition Democratic Congress, being held there. The demonstrators, shouting anti-government slogans, had defied a ban on parades. Heavily armed police using dogs and wielding truncheons broke up the march. At least two demonstrators were seriously injured and taken to hospital. Others were treated for dog bites, eyewitnesses said.

Zanzibar to try assassination plot suspects
DAR-ES-SALAAM (Reuters). — Those accused of complicity in last year's assassination of former Zanzibari leader, Sheikh Abeld Karume, will be tried in a few weeks, the sheikh's successor announced.

Some 63 people held in Zanzibar are accused of complicity in the assassination plot, while 23 are in detention on the mainland. The announcement did not state whether the 23 would be sent over to stand trial with the others.

Informed sources have reported disagreements between the island and mainland authorities. The central government recognises the right of defendants to have defence lawyers and to appeal, but not Zanzibar.



Pablo Picasso photographed in his studio at Mougins, in the south of France, last year.

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Jet-propelled wheelchair
CERRITOS, Cal. (AP). — With help from his friends, Jim Humphreys, 62, is hell on wheels.

A victim of muscular dystrophy, Humphreys and his companions made a supercharged wheelchair that boasts a chassis of fiberglass awning material, a stabilizer of antenna tubing, liquid carbon monoxide as the propellant, and a mousetrap that releases a braking parachute.

Wearing a helmet and seatbelt, Humphreys blasts off at speeds up to 20 miles an hour. He is now planning a wheel chair for snow and water.

Israel tops Scots in table tennis
SARAJEVO (Reuters). — Israel beat Scotland 5-3 on Saturday night, in the fifth round of the Swaythling Cup world table tennis tournament here.

Grechko to visit Rumania this month
VIENNA (Reuters). — Soviet Defence Minister Andrei Grechko will pay an official visit to Rumania later this month, the Rumanian news agency reported today.

The announcement came about six weeks after a Soviet bloc military exercise limited to staff officers was held in Rumania for the first time in over 10 years.

Kenya Europeans urged to sell farms to Africans
NAIROBI (AP). — European farmers in Kenya's former white highlands area were urged by a Kenya Cabinet Minister yesterday to give up their farms to former African freedom fighters.

Land and Settlement Minister Jackson Angaine said it is government policy to ensure that all land in the former white highlands owned by European settlers is in the hands of black citizens.

The state-run Kenya News Agency quoted Mr. Angaine as saying any remaining European farmers should therefore surrender their farms to Africans who fought for their country's independence.

Since independence, millions of acres of land have been bought from white farmers with funds provided by the British government. The land has been given to landless Africans.

Foreign tour operators who control Kenya's tourist industry — the country's biggest single earner of foreign exchange — also were warned that their businesses will be taken over if they continue to thwart the government's Africanization policy.

The Tourist Ministry has ordered all non-citizen tour operators to have at least a 51 per cent African shareholding in their businesses to be eligible for licences.

Kuwait reports little progress in Iraq talks
KUWAIT (Reuters). — Kuwaiti Minister of State Abdel-Aziz Hussein said yesterday that talks between his country and Iraq on their border dispute had achieved no significant progress.

Mr. Hussein told newsmen the two sides had agreed to resume contact in the near future, and he hoped they would be able to settle all their problems then.

He was speaking after the Kuwaiti Cabinet had reviewed the progress of the talks. The Iraqi Delegation's leader, Foreign Minister Muradha al-Hadi, left Kuwait yesterday morning for Baghdad.

Mr. Hussein said Iraqi troops had withdrawn from the disputed Sameta border post, which they occupied after clashes with Kuwaiti troops on March 20, and returned to their previous positions.

Reporting on Saturday night's adjournment of the talks, the Kuwait newspaper "Al-Sayaseh" said yesterday that the Iraqi delegation had come with certain demands, still not revealed. Another paper, "Al-Rai Al-Aam," said the only significant achievement in the affair so far was the withdrawal of Iraqi troops.

At the airport yesterday, the Iraqi Minister was seen in conversation with Khalid al-Hassan, a leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which is credited here with getting Iraq and Kuwait into direct talks so soon after the clashes.

Youth, two soldiers added to Ulster toll
BELFAST (UPI). — An army patrol shot and killed an armed youth and wounded another early yesterday at Armagh, 48 kms. south-west of Belfast, an army spokesman said.

The army spokesman said the pair, both 18, were shot as they ran across waste ground shortly after 25 shots had been fired at another patrol.

Another man was shot and wounded Saturday near the border. Army sources said he was seen leaving the area of a landmine blast near Newtown Hamilton in County Armagh that killed two British soldiers in an army Land-rover and seriously wounded a third.

The wounded man was found to have a plastic sheet under his coat, the sources said, and was believed to be the man who detonated the landmine by wire from a distance of about 600 yards.

The dead soldiers were named as Cpl. Steven Norris Harrison, 24, and Lance-Cpl. Terence Davidson Brown, 24. Both men were unmarried and were members of the 2nd Battalion, Parachute Regt.

A 17-year-old youth was shot and wounded in the thigh in south Belfast late Saturday night after Protestant and Roman Catholic crowds clashed in the mixed area.

Police said the affray started with stone and bottle throwing and developed into a gun duel. Troops firing rubber bullets finally dispersed the crowds.

Irish Republican Army guerrillas fired a Soviet-made RPG-7 rocket at a police station at Toombridge, 40 kms. north-west of Belfast Saturday. The rocket exploded harmlessly against the station's wire fencing.

The attackers exchanged fire with police and troops for 30 minutes, but no casualties were reported.

Tanaka invites Chou to visit Japan
TOKYO (AP). — Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka has extended an "official invitation" to Chinese Premier Chou En-lai to visit Japan, the Japan Broadcasting Corporation reported yesterday.

The invitation was in a personal letter Mr. Tanaka wrote to Chou, delivered last night by Japanese Ambassador to China Heishiro Ogawara.

Half-a-ship launched in UK.
GLASGOW (AP). — The biggest ship ever built in Britain was launched here on Saturday — or, more precisely, half of it. A still unnamed 295,000-ton tanker, being built for a U.S. company, slid majestically into the River Clyde.

It was the first time in Britain that only half a ship was launched. The bow section will be built in the same yard and joined to the other half in the water by a team of welders working in an airtight copper tunnel laid around the hull. The launching of the stern, as high as a five-storey building, was postponed for three days because of gale-force winds pounding the area.

The 58m. vessel is being built for the Anglo-Norwegian group, a member of the Naoe shipping group of New York. The tanker will be 1,134 feet long — more than 100 feet longer than the Queen Elizabeth II.

Kidnappers get \$2.5 m. for two executives
BUENOS AIRES (AP). — Left wing terrorists extracted \$2.5m. in ransom last week from two American companies whose executives were kidnapped.

Eastman Kodak Co. announced that \$1.5m. was paid to free Antony Da Cruz, 43, an American kidnapped last Monday. He was released on Saturday night. The First National Bank of Boston paid about \$1m. on Wednesday, bank sources reported, to free Gerardo Scalmanzi, 55, an Argentine branch manager. Scalmanzi was a prisoner eight days.

Da Cruz was the first American ever abducted in a country which has had nearly 100 kidnappings in the past two years. His ransom was a record.

Argentine companies generally are forced to pay under \$500,000 to ransom kidnapped executives. The ransom for executives of big foreign companies, however, has risen from \$600,000 last September to \$1m. or more now.

JUNIOR JURIES — New Zealand's Justice Minister Martin Finlay has suggested child offenders should be tried by juries of children. Far-reaching changes in the handling of young offenders are needed, he said.

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

While many human interventions had been catastrophic, and laws were needed to prevent excesses of despoilation and pollution, there is "nothing final about a set of natural conditions." Nature, like a great river, can be safely diverted by man provided the flow continues.

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Women on the pill 'tend to ignore health warnings'

LONDON (Reuter). — was the first man to demonstrate a strong statistical link between smoking and lung cancer — disclosed it would be a 30-microgram pill, compared with the present 50-micrograms.

It is less than three years since manufacturers cut the size from 100 micrograms, amid widespread concern over occasional side effects ranging from varicose veins to lung disease. The half-size pills are found to provide just as effective contraception.

Sir Richard also said his advice to young wives tended to be that they should use a diaphragm and spermicide cream rather than the pill. But the pill would be more advisable for an older woman with a family.

His reasoning was that for a young wife to have a baby — perhaps sooner than she wanted — was not a tragedy, but it would be if she "dropped dead" as a result of taking the pill. But he stressed that such risks from the pill appeared to be very tiny — "very much less than the risk in smoking five cigarettes a day."

3,000 abortions a week in U.K.

LONDON (AP). — A total of 159,884 abortions were carried out in Britain last year — more than 3,074 a week. A Government statement said that this figure was 33,107 more than in 1971.

Of the women who had abortions, 51,800 were foreigners who came to Britain to end their pregnancies.

is of the new, safer pill were steady. Sir Richard Doll, an scientific researcher — he



It may be Spring... but the fashion designers of Paris are thinking ahead — to winter, in fact. Here are three models from the Guy Laroche 1973-74 ready-to-wear winter collection. The models left and right wear long woollen dresses that have bold black and white stripes. In the middle, a mannequin shows an evening dress in blue muslin with silver embroidered details. (UPI photo)

Standing ovation for Saint Laurent

By PEGGY MASSIN

PARIS (Reuter). — YVES Saint Laurent presented another highly influential ready-to-wear collection for autumn and winter and received a standing ovation from the press last week.

His themes are based on the coordinated separates he has always liked, with sportswear looks ideal for wear on city streets.

He launches long full capes for every hour of the day, Eskimo parkas with fur-trimmed hoods, and interprets the cardigan sweater in a variety of new looks.

Long skirts and coats dropping to the top of the calves are often shown with Cossack boots, but in a typical about-face he shows a group of super-sexy mini dresses for evening wear in black crepes and chiffon.

Like many other leading designers, Saint Laurent employs coordinated fabrics and knitwear — ultra long cardigan sweaters, tartans and tweeds.

Shirt jackets are cut to the same long lengths as the cardigans, often square cut bangs shadowing the featured in supple suedes in the eyes.

now range of colours which out-mode all the sharp neon shades.

Saint Laurent's palette revives the muted tones — deep purple, grape, deep sea blues and lots of unrelieved black.

A few bright geometric prints with chives or mimosa flowers concentrated on black grounds are used for silk crepe shirt dresses shown with velvet blazers, but otherwise the news is in the deep rich wines and dark basic hues.

The sculptured jersey evening gowns are played up with flashing jewelry — neck-stretching Ubangi collars of crystal, pearls, and jet beads tied at the back of the throat with a ribbon bow.

The finale of the collection stars twin dresses in an ultra romantic mood, long clinging gowns of floral printed chiffon with Dresden shepherdess decoletes, billowing sleeves, and fluttering overskirts cut in deep handkerchief points.

Newest hairstyle at Saint Laurent is the Dutch boy bob ranging in length from the ear lobes to just above the shoulders with thick long bangs cut in square cut bangs shadowing the

BREEDING A GENERATION OF ART PATRONS

By PNINA RABINOWITZ
Special to The Jerusalem Post

BEERSHEBA. — THE "regulars" who never miss an exhibit at the Beersheba Municipal Museum talk about art with convincing authority: "Good perspective," murmurs one, inspecting a painting. "He knows how to play with shadows."

The enthusiastic connoisseurs are neither professional artists nor collectors. They're the 6- to 17-year-old students at Beersheba's Youth Art Centre, a four-year-old cooperative venture of the Municipality and the Education Ministry.

For a IL35 fee for three months, the 400 youngsters currently enrolled at the Centre's facilities on Rehov Andevitch study painting, ceramics, jewellery-making, batik, metal work, macramé and graphic arts under professional artists and artisans.

Students learn to work in all media, then choose to do additional projects in those they prefer. Sometimes they do class projects — wood decorations to donate to a bazaar for Micha; foats based on Chagall's paintings for the Beersheba Purim parade; a clay, iron wire and plaster of Paris city with a mosque looming above and mice down below.

All participants receive membership cards to the museum and go on class trips to see the shows that come there. The Centre's organizer, Hava Mechutan, Cultural Adviser to the Municipality, hopes it will produce a "generation of art patrons" for Beersheba.

Tzafi Zohar, a painting teacher at the Centre, views her classes as a catharsis for the children's emotions. "You can let out all your feelings in a painting," she says.



Woodcut on the theme of the Holocaust by Michael Feingstein, a student of the Beersheba Youth Art Centre. (Z. Rabinowitz)

look as though they've stepped out of Bible days.

But despite this stimulating environment, says Mrs. Zohar, most of the children don't paint what they see. Given the theme "the newcomers," her class produced stereotyped scenes of suitcase-laden families at the port.

Perhaps here, too, a fear of giving the wrong answer lay behind the reluctance to realize the theme according to the evidence of their senses and their preference for generalized, conventional, safe interpretations.

Mrs. Zohar feels that the art classes the children attend at school are partly to blame for their inhibitions. She complains that they're constricted by the small pieces of paper they're given to work on there. So she supplies her groups with large sheets of paper and an ample choice of colour.

A child who is too "tied up" emotionally to enjoy this kind of freedom may create geometric ink designs or graphics instead, says Mrs. Zohar. She even conducted a "Rorschach class," in which the children painted over ink blots according to the way their imaginations interpreted the spills.

'Male domination is answer to population problem'

LONDON (AP). — A British feminist suggests male domination may be the answer to world's population problem. It depends largely on the opinion of women among people.

Prof. John Postgate, Sussex University, A rapid solution to a female minority is the quickest route to curbing population growth, he proposes.

Writing in the authoritative "Scientist" magazine, the assessor says that if a selective fertilization pill could assure a certain male birth, domination by men and population would rapidly follow.

hen males outnumbered females between 5 and 50 to one, women might have to be protected by taboos, subjected to polyandry — marriage to more than one man at the same time — or treated "like queen ants."

Scientific ingenuity could develop such a pill, says Postgate. "There is a surprising prejudice among ordinary people in favour of having male children," he argues. "Among most African, Asian and Central and South American peoples this prejudice amounts almost to an obsession."

"Millions would leap at the opportunity to breed males. No compulsion or even propaganda would be necessary."

LASER BEAMS USED TO TREAT GLAUCOMA

WASHINGTON (AP). — A five-minute laser treatment, instead of risky surgery, can be used successfully to treat glaucoma, a Soviet eye specialist says.

Glaucoma is the world's leading cause of blindness. Dr. Michael Krasnov said the method involves using special, pulsed laser beams, packing energies of several million watts. They produce tiny punctures without burning beneath the eyeball's surface — and thus relieve pressure from fluids within the eye, the immediate cause of glaucoma.

Krasnov reported apparent control of the disease so far in about 100 cases who otherwise faced surgery "as their last chance."

He said the treatment can be applied in five minutes on an outpatient basis, eliminating the need for hospitalization.

Without saying so flatly, he suggested the new technique might be an improvement over drug therapy, at least in some cases.

Drugs are used to control the fluid in the majority of the estimated 750,000 known Americans who are afflicted at any given time with various forms of the disease.

Krasnov, who is professor of ophthalmology at the Second Moscow Medical Institute, told about the new development at a news conference called by Patent Management, Inc., of Washington, D.C., a technology transfer and patent-holding company, which is seeking to help introduce the Soviet-developed technology in the U.S.

Dr. Carl Kupfer, director of the U.S. Government's National Eye Institute, when informed of the report said the Soviet technique is worth pursuing but still must be considered experimental.

He said he plans to visit Krasnov's laboratories in Moscow later this year to get a first-hand look at the technique and then will decide whether American government research trials are warranted.

Glaucoma, whose basic cause is still unknown, is a disease characterized by increased pressure within the globe of the eye. The pressure comes from a pile-up of fluids that normally bathe the eye's interior.

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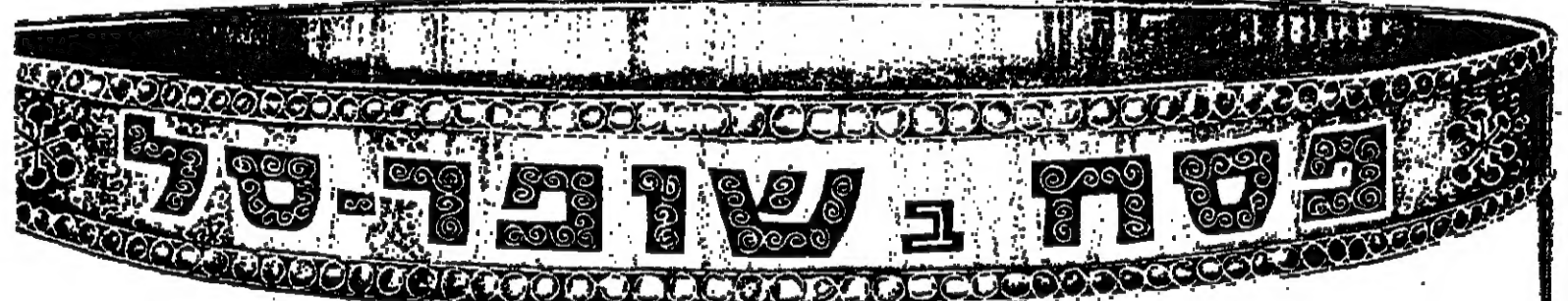
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Firm fined for selling inferior seeds

"And he hoped that it should bring forth grapes, but it brought forth wild grapes (Isaiah 5:2)," was the comment of a Tel Aviv magistrate who fined a seed company IL750 for selling inferior watermelon seeds.

Judge Eliahu Vinograd last week found the Zvi Ben-Shahar company guilty of selling Kibbutz Urim 80 kg. of what were supposed to be Chilean watermelon seeds. In fact — as shown by a laboratory test — only 58 per cent of the seeds were Chilean; the rest were of inferior varieties.

The charges against the seed company were filed by the Agriculture Ministry's Seed Control Department which announced it was making checks of seeds marketed and will prosecute firms marketing seeds which fail to live up to the labels under which they are sold.

French bread 'losing taste'

PARIS (AP). — FOREIGNERS may love French bread, but a teacher of baking here says its lost its taste and that the average Frenchman is eating less and less of it as a result.

M.R. Calvel of the National School of Milling and Cereal Industries said the daily intake of bread has dropped to 186 grams from 373 in 1939.

He asserted this could not be attributed to a rise in the general standard of living which would make Frenchmen interested in richer foods, but to the fact that "bread, too blown up with air and too white no longer has the taste of bread."

The loss of taste, Calvel believes, is due to excessive oxidation, a result of more intensive kneading in automatic kneading machines.

Bleach added to the flour in the form of ascorbic acid and bean flour creates a bitter taste, he said. Cutting the dough's fermentation time from five and one-half hours to three and one-half has also hurt the quality of the bread.

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THE LAND DEBATE

BETWEEN now and the elections in the autumn we may expect almost any issue immediately to become inflated into an "affair." In part this is due to the desire in at least part of the Alignment to get the party platform out in the open where the public may examine it, rather than have it approved at the last moment by a small cabinet meeting privately.

Policy differences within the government seem almost too sharp at first sight to make joint action possible, as between those who wish to say "we shall be happy to return much or most of the territories after peace is negotiated and signed," and those who hold that a peace so long delayed will not come like that, but must be patiently built through a form of co-existence that will be in the interests of all to perpetuate. At first sight, the gap appears almost too wide to bridge: except that there is little practical significance to the difference until there is a solid prospect of a negotiated peace acceptable to both sides.

Pending the negotiated peace, in fact, the only real issue is how much initiative the administration should take in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. In 1967, Finance Minister Sapir at first hoped to seal off the areas beyond the "green line" and preserve two totally separate economies, one much more advanced than the other, until the pressure of both labour and goods to flow where there was a market for them was too powerful for this fiction to be maintained. A Mapam view is that there should be a minimum of interaction in order that the area could be returned without difficulty "when peace comes." This was roughly King Hussein's view of the 19 years from 1948 to 1967 during which he had the administration of the West Bank, though hardly for the same reason.

The opposite view, held strongly by Defence Minister Dayan, is that these areas at the present time have no administration but that provided by the Israel government, that this has already been in force for six years and that no area or population can remain in limbo for so long a period, especially as no other permanent arrangement is yet in sight. If we do not want all the surplus Arab labour from the areas to work in Israel, then we must contribute to creating employment there and this can best be done if trade and other relations are allowed to become as normal as possible.

One form this normalization has taken is the making of apparently a large number of provisional sales of land for building to Israeli Jews, mainly in the vicinity of Jerusalem. All land sales in the occupied areas were made subject to special authorization shortly after the war in 1967, the rules banning sales both to Israelis, Jews and Arabs, and to foreign citizens. Nevertheless a form of agreement has been devised that is satisfactory to the buyers and sellers, though it might not stand in a court of law.

Justice Minister Shapiro aired a proposal in the cabinet to control these sales and prevent speculation by authorizing them under certain conditions and withdrew it when Mrs. Meir was opposed to the change. To this Mr. Dayan has added the view that it is irrational for the Israel government to issue an edict preventing citizens from buying land in the most ancient areas of Jewish settlement. There is no evidence that sales of land would prevent peace talks. It could be argued that they might make talks seem more urgent. But Mr. Dayan's exposition of his views has drawn the customary sharp opposition from at least two other members of the cabinet.

By merely demanding higher wages the Histadrut is fostering inflation, contributing to the growing inequality which it wants to combat and block-

ing the plans for reform which could lead to an improvement in the situation, writes *Jerusalem Post* Economic Editor MOSHE ATER.



Pay day at a Jerusalem plant — wages are going, this does not guarantee higher living standards.

MORE PAY ISN'T THE ANSWER

THE Histadrut's demand for payment of a mid-year increase in the C.O.L. allowance involving hundreds of millions of pounds is only one issue in the wider confrontation between the Labour Federation and the government covering the whole range of our economic policy. This confrontation is likely to come to a head before long.

The Histadrut's Secretary-General, Mr. Ben-Aharon, has been the main protagonist in the dialogue, and, according to a wide-spread view, also its main driving force. But this view may reflect confusion between cause and effect. After all, Mr. Ben-Aharon was appointed to his post in an attempt to restore the faith in the organization of the Histadrut's rank and file which had been restless for some time before. And his outspoken criticism of the establishment has received wide popular support.

Also, Mr. Ben-Aharon did outline a specific programme of action. For all the rage and fury of his speeches, he has by and large confined himself to voicing the feeling of malaise generally felt in this country, and to demanding radical reforms, in rather loose terms like "war economy" and "labour dominated democracy" which have never been properly defined.

Broadly speaking the issue is obviously economic equality and privilege. Official spokesmen claim that the Israel economy is not only growing rapidly (which is beyond doubt), but is also reducing the spread of incomes, narrowing the gaps in living standards, housing levels, vocational opportunities etc. They say that both economic and social targets are being achieved by the present policy. This is denied by the leftist Histadrut opposition, which maintains that the gaps are widening and economic growth is attained at the price of increasing social differentiation.

Both sides quote various statistics which even experts find difficult to examine and to compare. Nevertheless, the core of the issue and the cause of its complexity can be fairly clearly outlined. As far as cash incomes of wage-earners is concerned, equality seems to have decreased in the first half of the 'sixties, up to the 1966-1967 slowdown, but it has been increasing since the Six Day War. In 1972 we seem to have been back at the equality level of 1963.

Compared with the early 'fifties, incomes are now less equal, though it is doubtful whether the difference is substantial. If the impact of taxation and of social insurance is duly taken into account, and the advance towards equality in recent years refers to a bigger section of the population (over three-quarters of the total, as against less than two-thirds twenty years ago), comprising a more variegated mixture of jobs and skills.

Cash incomes

However, this progress towards equality can be ascertained only as regards cash incomes of wage-earners. It does not include the incomes of the self-employed — who consist of several different groups of persons such as employers, professionals, and pensioners. Nor does it include much of the income which wage-earners get in kind, including a variety of items such as old-age savings, provided by the employer (in form of pension and severance pay) or fringe benefits in kind (ranging from cheap meals and free work clothing to lavish expense accounts, employer-owned cars and free trips abroad) or income from property, German Restitution, etc.

As regards the social distribution of these incomes we have only very scant data. It stands to reason that in this field less equality prevails than in cash wages. As a result, when one is concerned with over-

all income equality, the statistics must be read with great caution.

Last year non-wage incomes accounted for over 40 per cent of the national income total, of which close to one half were transfers to private people from abroad. Since part of the non-wage incomes was received by salaried people, inequality of income totals even among wage-earners must actually be bigger than indicated by statistics which reflect mainly cash wages. It is common knowledge that in many cases non-cash wage-incomes (e.g. fringe benefits, tenancy rights, tax rebates) have been deliberately employed to offset the reduced (or inadequate) differentials in net cash wages.

It may well be, therefore, that incomes of wage-earners are now more equal than a few years ago, and yet that their aggregate incomes are less equal, that social gaps — including both cash and kind, both work and property — have widened in recent years.

In Israel — like in other industrial countries — the achievement of economic equality now no more depends primarily on reducing wage differentials. It may be at least as much — perhaps even more — affected by other developments, in particular in the field of investment, employment, taxation and welfare. In order to further it, fiscal policies, economic planning, and other instruments operated by the state must increasingly be applied along with wage bargaining, thus greatly complicating the Histadrut's strategy.

Consultation

In a modern, monopoly-ridden, semi-planned, welfare-oriented economy, equality of incomes and living standards increasingly depends on the state and public agencies, to which the Histadrut too must resort. This is the main reason for its recent insistence on being consulted by the government on all economic decisions.

But in trying to influence the chinery the Histadrut inevitably encounters difficulties. For it can achieve pose only by acting as a representative of the people at large, while on hand it can only mobilize popular means of its principal constituent the trade unions.

Unfortunately the Histadrut's is loth to admit this inner conflict to look for a constructive result of this it is obstructing purpose. There is no doubt that the current social malaise is a of low wages or of slums or prices, but of persistent inflation outlasted fiscal system and of involved in extensive cross-subsidies. However, the Histadrut is stalling most reform plans intended matters, lest they harm the vests of its members.

This statement does not mean plans could not be bettered and Histadrut could contribute to this current confrontation is not even at such improvement. It is even whitening the reforms down: with wages (in hopeless pursuit of rise to the detriment of the least groups); with delaying fiscal actively undermining tax and thus generating a flow of bl. and creating parasitic occupat with increasing wasteful state in the cost of living.

Understandably, the trade union rank and file are mainly concerned improving their individual lot in valuing conditions, but the Histadrut adopting this course. In the may be gaining popular acclai the cost of forswaking its major stead of coming to grips with lens of today, it is pursuing the p of yesterday, eventually letting t visions be taken by the state bur

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Buying land in the territories

Davar (Histadrut) discusses land purchases by Jews in the territories: "The acquisition of land across the green line is no regular commercial transaction, but a fact with political significance. Such transac-

tions should not be permitted without due consideration."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) opposes granting blanket permission for such acquisitions: "This would cast doubt on the credibility of our declarations that the territories are open to negotiation. Such an act might be viewed as the beginning of a process of de facto annexation."

Hatzofe (National Religious) differs: "For people with a national-religious affinity it is not merely a question of being permitted to acquire land in the areas, but a duty to settle everywhere — albeit under the supervision of a properly constituted authority."

Ha'arets (non-party) refers to Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin's Middle East statement during his visit to Sweden and discovers some easing of Soviet policy. Namely: "Kosygin's readiness to forgo the academic tax depending on the prospective emigrant's economic situation, and his reiterated acceptance of Israel's right to sovereign existence."

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — A short but beautiful road has been constructed on the Carmel, connecting the Haifa-Tyvon road with the approaches to the Haifa University and leading up to Tel Hazzan. The surrounding countryside is ideal for picnics and is a miniature nature reserve. If speeding drivers have made the road a hazard for man and beast alike, so far no one has been killed, although small animals have fallen victim.

SAVE THE AJAMI

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — We have been following with great interest the speeches by the Minister of Transport on the need to cut down on road transportation. At the same time, however, planners in the Tel Aviv area are planning to run a major Tel Aviv-Bat Yam road through our area.

We live in Ajami, an area of Jaffa with many large old Arab houses, some of which are now being restored by artists, professional families and new immigrants. The proposed road, however, will tear the guts out of this area by both destroying some lovely homes and ruining the peaceful character of the neighbourhood.

We all know that Tel Aviv traffic is impossible. Surely we do not need another road into Tel Aviv. We would like to urge the Minister of Transport to insist instead on improved public transport and help preserve one of the only remaining areas of architectural and historic residential interest in Tel Aviv.
HAL and RACHEL LIEBERMAN
(for the Ajami Neighbourhood Association)
Jaffa, March 6.
This letter was sent to the Ministry of Transport on March 11 but no reply has yet been received.
Ed. J.P.

The authorities realized the danger in 1971 and closed the road with netting, but this has been broken down and drivers continue to speed. If widened and properly signposted to warn drivers of unexpected bends, the road would be a boon to motorists. In the meantime, it could be used safely if it were made one way going up. If something is not done soon, however, there is bound to be a fatal accident eventually.

GUET PERITZ
Kiryat Haim, March 6.

PREVENTING HEART TROUBLE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — It was encouraging to learn from a short report in your issue of March 16 that a centre for the prevention of heart attacks is to be opened shortly in Jerusalem. However, unless there are some new features, it is misleading to refer to the centre as the only one of its kind in Israel.

According to the report, the activities to be undertaken do not differ from those first pioneered in the Tel Aviv area by a private physician, Dr. Gotthelmer, and carried out for many years now by groups organized by the Tel Hashomer and Doherty Hospitals in Tel Aviv-Jaffa and by Kupat Holim in both Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Important as this work is, it is regrettable that it is directed primarily to people who have already suffered heart attacks. It would be still more effective if these groups could encourage regular physical exercise by everyone, regardless of heart trouble. In this case, it would be preventive and not just aimed at preventing recurrence of heart trouble.

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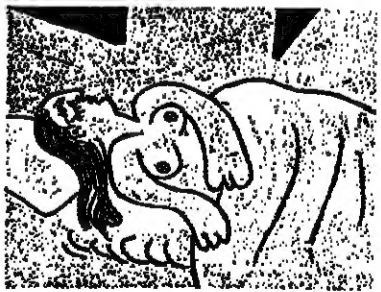
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